

SUCCESS

In Every Detail Was The Junior Play

"The Merchant Of Venice Up To Date"

Given At High School Auditorium Friday Night

All The Characters Were Very Ably Sustained

And A Large Audience Witnessed The Performance

The Junior play, "The Merchant of Venice Up-to-date" at the high school auditorium Friday evening was a huge success in every way. A mammoth audience greeted the players upon their entrance after the overture had been played by the high school orchestra under the leadership of Miss Clark. The play itself was a take-off on the immortal drama of Shakespeare by that name. The action of the play is centered around a football game in which the local high school eleven meets the team from Belmont. Bassanio, portrayed by Ralph Jenkins, is down in his studies and must take an examination in Latin in order to participate in the big Thanksgiving day game. Antonio (Dean McKee), captain of the local team, makes a bargain with Shylock, who role was assumed by Leon Zeisloff, for the use of a "pony," he agreeing that if the "pony" is not returned within a month, Shylock will be privileged to take a pound of hair which lies nearest his brain. Bassanio now repairs to the home of the preceptor, Miss Verna Salisbury, and meets there his "light o' love" Portia (Mae Bartlett) who is with her friend Nerissa (Olive Clark). Gratino, which part is admirably taken by George Hookway, follows his friend Bassanio to Portia's house and engages in earnest conversation with Nerissa. Bassanio must take an examination in either Cleo, Caesar or Virgil and, since he has a "pony" in only Caesar, is considerably worried. Three caskets are laid before him and he is given his choice. Fortunately, he selects the one that proclaims the examination to be in Caesar. He then declares his love and everlasting fidelity to Portia and the same feeling is voiced by Gratiano to Nerissa who announces that they have become engaged. Bassanio takes the examination and is successful. Meanwhile, Shylock, who is deeply in love with his ward, Jessica (Bessie Van Voorhis), who in turn is in love with Antonio, returns home, proposes to Jessica, is spurned and then declares that Jessica shall not marry Antonio. He locks her up in the house and departs. Shylock's servant, Gobbo (George Culbertson) enters and Jessica prevails upon him to deliver a note to Antonio. He accomplishes his trust and returns with Antonio. Antonio breaks the door down and he and Jessica elope. Shylock and Tubal (Walter Englehardt), who is captain of the Belmont football team, enter and Shylock declares his purpose of obtaining the pound of Antonio's hair on the day of the big football game. Tubal, of course, falls in with him and a plot is immediately formed. Gobbo hears of this plot from the upstairs window and, since he was about to desert the service of Shylock and apply for a position with Antonio, immediately reports what he has heard and seen to Portia and Nerissa. These two set about to hatch up a scheme to defeat the plot of Shylock.

The next scene discloses a football field with two teams lined up. Play starts and some lively scrimmages take place. Just at the point when excitement is at the highest pitch, Shylock enters with a policeman and has Antonio arrested. Antonio is brought to court, admits his guilt, but pleads with Shylock to be lenient. Portia disguises herself as a lawyer and comes to court to plead for Antonio. She reads the contract which was entered into by Shylock and Antonio and notices that it stipulates "a pound of hair nearest the brain." She calls in an x-ray photographer (Raymond Speck) and commands him to determine the exact location of Antonio's brain. A photograph is taken which results in the startling discovery that Antonio is absolutely devoid of the "gray matter." Portia claims that because of this, Shylock's case is lost and her arguments are sustained by the Duke of Venice (Virgil Black.) At the is-

stance of Gobbo, Bassanio and Portia and Gratiano and Nerissa are tied in the connubial knot by the Duke and "All live happy ever afterward."

As regards acting, let it suffice to say that everyone performed his or her part splendidly.

When the curtain rose upon the third act, a dear little lady of the old school who was responsible for the success of the play, was seen tripping across the stage. Although she was not in the play, nevertheless her appearance made the "hit" of the evening. The following was the cast of characters:

Duke of Venice—Virgil Black.
Antonio, captain of high school football team—Dean McKee.
Bassanio, his friend, and suitor to Portia—Ralph Jenkins.
Gratiano, another friend—George Hookway.

Shylock, a wealthy gambler—Leon Zeisloff.
Tubal, his friend, and captain of Belmont football team—Walter Englehardt.

Launcelot Gobbo, servant to Shylock—Geo. Culbertson.
The professor, an x-ray photographer—Raymond Speck.
Policeman—Hubert Cary.

Portia, a rich heiress—Mae Bartlett.
Nerissa, her friend—Olive Clark.
Jessica, Shylock's ward—Bessie Van Voorhis.

Miss Abbie S. Thredde, a teacher—Verna Salisbury.
Polly, Portia's maid—Buelah Doelfs.
Antonio's mother—Berta Hall.

Mrs. Gobbo Launcelot's mother—Hazel Kirkpatrick.
Football players—
High school team—Geo. Hookway, Geo. Culbertson, Ralph Jenkins.

Belmont team—Earl Seavolt, Logan Wills, Raymond Speck.
Stage managers—Helen Porter, Logan Wills, John Gotschall.
General assistant—H. Beck.

SCHOOLS AND SCHOLARS

Miss Beulah Doelfs of West Vine street was honored with a post card shower Wednesday, the event being in honor of her birthday anniversary. Over fifty cards were received from Mt. Vernon, Fredericktown and Gambier. All expressed a wish of many happy returns of the day.

The following was the chapel program rendered Wednesday morning: Piano solo—Mrs. Baker.
Recitation, "The Borrowed Umbrella"—Constance Merrin.
Piano Duet—Harriet Swetland and Florence Page.
Recitation, "The Soldier's Reprieve"—Florence Cary.
Piano solo—Mary Ewing.
Reading—Irene Dowds.

A meeting of the senior class of the high school was held in Room 2 at the close of school on Friday. It was decided to order class pennants, the class having approved of the sample design that was displayed by Miss Anna Swetland, chairman of the pennant committee.

DIVORCE

Granted After 40 Years Of Married Life

Cleveland, O., April 16.—Mrs. Helen C. Webster was granted a divorce from John Howard Webster. President-Treasurer of the Variety Iron and Steel Works, today. Mrs. Webster charged that Webster was guilty of gross neglect of duty and extreme cruelty.

She declared that for many years he had shown "an irritable and irascible disposition toward her, which finally reached the point where he developed a vicious ungovernable temper." They were married forty years.

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COMET

To Be A Magnificent Spectacle Says Stockwell

But Have No Fear, It Will Not Harm Us

Noted Astronomer Writes An Interesting Article

Telling What The Appearance Of The Comet Will Be

And The Best Time To Observe Its Splendor

By JOHN N. STOCKWELL, A. M., Ph. D.

The third predicted return of Halley's comet to the vicinity of the sun is near at hand. Its place in the heavens was discovered photographically, and it was found to be very near the spot assigned to it by calculation, after having been invisible during a period of 75 years.

It was discovered early in the month of September of last year, when its distance from the sun was more than 300,000,000 miles, and it has been constantly approaching the sun since the date of its discovery. It reached the orbit of Venus about April 1.

The comet will continue to approach the sun until April 19, when its distance will be about 54,000,000 miles. It will then commence another revolution around the sun, and continue to recede from it during 38 years, when its return journey from outer darkness to the sun will begin.

The comet is now so nearly in conjunction with the sun that it is invisible, or at least barely visible to the best of naked eyes. It rises just before the sun now. It will continue to rise earlier each successive morning until May 6, when it will rise about two hours and thirty minutes before the sun, and present a beautiful appearance in the eastern sky before the beginning of twilight. If it is accompanied by a tail of large dimensions, it will produce a scene of grandeur and magnificence such as nature seldom presents for our contemplation.

The comet will, from May 6, begin to rise later each successive morning until May 18, when it will become lost in the sun's rays, but it will emerge from them to the eastward of the sun on May 20, and will afterward appear in the western sky after sunset.

During the interval from May 18 to 20 the comet's head will have crossed the sun's disk, but the time of its occurrence will be unfavorable for observation by civilized people, as it takes place at apparent noon in the Pacific ocean, which will be in the very early hours of the morning in the United States.

At the time of the transit the comet will be directly between the earth and the sun, and its distance from the earth will be only about 14,000,000 miles. Should the comet's tail at that time exceed 14,000,000 miles in length, the earth would pass directly through the tail of the comet.

On Feb. 3 the comet's tail was estimated as 5,000,000 miles in length, and conditions are apparently favorable for a prodigious development of that appendage before the 18th of May. It would be no occasion for surprise or alarm if the comet should have a tail 30,000,000 miles in length at that time. Astronomers know very little concerning the nature and composition of the tails of comets, and it is believed that the present return of Halley's comet will afford a more favorable opportunity for increasing our knowledge on this important branch of astronomy than has ever before been afforded to modern science.

After the transit of the comet it will pass rapidly to the eastward, presenting the same glorious appearance in the western sky in the evening that it previously afforded in the morning before its conjunction with the sun.

It has already been remarked that this is the third PREDICTED return of this comet to the sun, but there are several well authenticated accounts of its having visited the sun on many previous occasions. At the time of its appearance in 1682, methods of computing their paths through regions of space had been devised by astronomers, and Halley availed himself of these methods and applied them to the computation of the orbits of comets which had previously been mentioned in history. In this way he found

that comets which appeared in 1682, 1697, 1751, 1456 and 1378 were one and the same comet, having a periodic time of about 76 years, and he then made the prediction that it would again appear about the year 1758 or 1759, a prediction that was in due time confirmed by observation.

The appearance of Halley's comet in 1456 took place under peculiar and interesting moral and political conditions. The Christian nations of Europe had long been at war with the followers of Mahomet, and the sudden appearance of the comet filled all Europe with consternation and alarm and seemed to forebode the entire subjugation of the Christian nations. Pope Calixtus II, terrified at the appalling spectacle presented by the comet and aroused by what seemed to be the inevitable fate of Christianity, directed the maledictions of the church against the enemies of the faith, both terrestrial and celestial.

The present return of the comet takes place under conditions very similar to that of 1456, inasmuch as it appears at about the same season of the year, and traverses nearly the same part of the heavens. But the present return differs in many important respects from all preceding appearances of the comet. It approaches comparatively near to the earth at the time of its conjunction with the sun, and will actually pass over the sun's disk at local noon in eastern Asia and Australia.

Its distance from the earth will then be about 14,000,000 miles. At that time the earth will be passing through the comet's tail with a relative velocity of about 45 miles per second, and should the tail be 1,000,000 miles in breadth, the earth would be about six hours in passing through it.

The question then arises as to what would be the effect of the passage of the earth through the tail of the comet, upon the earth and its inhabitants? This is an important question, and should be carefully considered, but on account of our ignorance of the constitution and nature of cometary matter, we are not able to give it a definite answer.

But if we suppose the tails of comets to be composed of solid combustible matter as large as bricks or marbles, it is easy to affirm that the bombardment of the earth by such missiles moving at the rate of 45 miles per second during a period of six hours would result in the total destruction of all organized life upon our globe. If the cometary matter is composed of combustible matter, it would be immediately consumed by fire on entering the earth's atmosphere, and the ashes would gradually fall to the earth without destructive violence. But if the tails are composed of deadly gases, the effects produced upon the earth depend upon the nature and abundance of such gases, and it is useless to speculate upon anticipated effects.

The most recent explanation of the nature of comets' tails supposes them to be composed of particles of matter SMALLER THAN ATOMS, which are driven away from the comet's head by the IMPULSION OF FLIGHT. This seems to be the most satisfactory theory of a comet's tail that has yet been proposed. If it is correct it certainly relieves us from all danger of physical violence arising from the passage of the earth through the comet's tail, for the earth's atmosphere will serve as a buffer and prevent the rapid fall of the cometary matter which would otherwise take place. We may therefore dismiss the fear of any great calamity happening to the earth and its inhabitants during the coming passage of the earth through the tail of Halley's comet on May 19.

On the MORNING of May 18 we may expect to see the comet's tail extending from east to west through the heavens for the last time, and on the EVENING of May 19 we shall see it similarly extending from the west toward the east for the first time. The comet will then pass to the east through the heavens at the rate of 45 miles per second, gradually growing fainter as it recedes from the earth and sun, but will remain visible in the evening during the remainder of the summer, and supply the means of making important investigations concerning the physical nature of cometary bodies.

COURT HOUSE NOTES

First and Final—William H. Smith, assignee of Mary E. Smith, has filed a first and final account in probate, showing the following: Received \$2,432, paid out the same amount.

Deeds Filed—Amanda Ransom et al. to Alexander Ransom, four acres in College, \$75.
M. P. Howes to Louisa M. Howes, parcel in Fredericktown, \$1.
Ida Jones et al. to Frank E. Hunter, 55.87 acres in Miller, \$1.
Leonice H. Day to Dee C. Nixon, lot 2, Burr's add., Mt. Vernon, \$700.

THE ELKS

To Have Fast Baseball Team This Summer

The New Suits Arrived Here On Saturday

Handsome new uniforms for the Elks baseball team arrived here Saturday morning from the firm of Spaulding & Co., Chicago, Ill. The suits are white flannel with an Elk head in purple flannel on the right breast of the shirt and a small pennant of purple with the inscription "Mt. Vernon 140" on the left sleeve of the shirt. The stockings are of purple and white. The Elks propose to have one of the best amateur teams in this section of the county the coming summer. Worley, Workman and Taylor will be the pitchers. The first two are quite well known, Workman having been with the Mt. Vernon team several seasons ago. Adolph Wuchner, Jr., who caught for the Mt. Vernon team all last season will be behind the bat. Cliff Kring, Earl Bastine, Mark Whitman, Charles Baker, Edward Wuchner and other well known amateur players will make up the team.

Judging from the present indications the Elks team will be about the only baseball team in Mt. Vernon the coming summer and it is the intention to bring a number of strong teams to this city, not only Elk teams from other cities, but fast amateur teams from all sections of the state.

STOLE

His Tools Is Allegation Made By Miller

And Causes Arrest Of Ira Winston

Ira Winston was arrested by Constable Milton Simpkins Friday evening on a warrant sworn out before Squire Harter by Ralph Miller, charging Winston with stealing tools valued at \$6.25. For some time Miller has been suspicious of Winston and he alleges that on inquiry he found some of his tools at a second hand store in this city and on further inquiry learned that Winston had sold them there. He was taken to jail and locked up on failure to secure bond. The time of the hearing has not yet been set.

SPECIAL

Train On C. A. & C. Came Near Hitting A Rig

The K. of P. special excursion train passed through the city Saturday morning over the C. A. & C. The train started from Columbus and ran to Cleveland in quick time judging by the speed with which it ran through Mt. Vernon. At the crossing, just south of the viaduct, the special came dangerously near striking a horse and buggy as the driver of the rig supposed that it was the accommodation passenger train due at 8:19 and that it would slow down and stop before it reached the crossing. This however was not the case and the conveyance was missed only by a few feet by the engine.

DONEHUE

Is Being Boomed For Supreme Judge

The Holmes county bar has launched a boom for Judge Maurice Donehue of New Lexington, present circuit judge in the Fifth Judicial Circuit, for supreme judge on the democratic ticket. The judge still has two or three years to serve upon his present term. He is an exceptionally able jurist and would be enthusiastically supported by Coshocton attorneys regardless of political lines.

FAITHFUL

Dog Shot By Inventor Before He Suicided

Boston, Mass., April 16.—Rather than leave his faithful old dog behind him Herbert Paine, of Elmwood, Mass., committed suicide today after shooting his dog through the head. Both bodies, that of the dog and his master, were found side by side. Paine was an inventor, and for several months he was worried over a new invention. His only companion a greater part of the time was his dog, and to-day, when he left his home for a walk through the woods, his dog went with him. Paine had a most remarkable affection for the canine, and it is believed that after he determined upon suicide the thoughts of leaving the dog for others to care for led him to shoot the beast.

COP

Made Faces And Laughed At Would-Be Suicide

Chicago, Ill., April 15.—A woman, who gave the name of Mrs. Mary Kiegel, was prevented from committing suicide after she had waded up to her neck in the lake by the diplomacy of E. Eck, a Lincoln park policeman today. He first attracted her attention by breaking into a loud laugh. Distracted for the moment the woman turned and looked back. Eck then began a series of grimaces, which held the woman's attention. In a low tone he began to argue with her, all the time moving slowly through the water until he was in reach of her. Realizing too late that she had been outwitted, the woman attempted to leap forward, but she was caught and restrained by the policeman.

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ARREST

Of A Man In Columbus Wanted In Mt. Vernon

Chief of Police L. J. Dermody went to Columbus Saturday morning to secure Otto Sapp, formerly of this city, who is wanted in Mt. Vernon on a paternity charge, the warrant being sworn out by a young girl of this place before Squire George S. Harter some time ago. Sapp has been in Indiana for some time, but on Friday morning he was arrested in Columbus by the authorities in that city who had been notified. He was brought to Mt. Vernon on the 1:20 train on the C. A. & C. railway.

MARRIED

On Tuesday And Arrested On Friday

Huntington, W. Va., April 16.—Married on Tuesday to the wealthy widow of Dr. J. A. Gardner, of this city, and arrested on Friday on complaint of his wife, who charged him with the theft of several hundred dollars' worth of diamonds, was the fate of Shubal Arthur, a young business man. Mrs. Arthur declares that she feared her young husband might attempt to take her life in order to secure her property.

Mr. Charles Berry of Mansfield was a visitor in Mt. Vernon on Friday.

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